IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the following claims with the <u>clean</u> claims presented here as follows. Marked-up claims showing the changes made appear after the REMARKS section.

Claim 1:

1   1.   A method for executing methods upon data objects distributed across
2   a plurality of nodes of a system from a special device comprising the steps of:
3   providing a first graphical interface display on said device permitting
4   user selection of a data object category, selection of such category resulting
5   in display of a list of data objects available on the system;
6   responding to selection of a first of the data objects present in said list
7   to generate a second graphical interface display on said device of at least a
8   portion of the contents of said first of the data objects together with a display
9   of a plurality of selectable regions, each of said regions representing a
10   respective method executable on said first data object; and
11   responding to selection of one of said methods to execute that method
12   upon the first data object and to display a first result of such execution on said
13   device.

Claim 5:

1   5.   The method of Claim 1 wherein one of said methods comprises an update of
2   a record.

Claim 6:

1   6.   The method of Claim 1 wherein one of said methods comprises a summation
2   of records.

Claim 7:

1   7.   The method of Claim 1 wherein one of said methods comprises selection of a

2   record having a particular attribute.

Claim 25:

1   25.   An apparatus for executing methods upon data objects distributed across a

2   plurality of nodes of a system comprising:

3   a special device having a display associated therewith;

4   means providing a first graphical user interface on said display, said

5   interface permitting user selection of a data object category, selection of such

6   category resulting in display of a list of data objects available on the system;

7   means for responding to selection of a first of the data objects present

8   in said list to generate a second graphical user interface on said device of at

9   least a portion of the contents of said first of the data objects together with a

10   display of a plurality of selectable regions, each of said regions representing a

11   respective method executable on said first data object; and

12   means for responding to selection of one of said methods to execute

13   that method upon the first data object and to display a first result of such

14   execution on said device.